and that the sum of forty-two thousand five hundred dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the support of the institution for the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.

Public Treasurer.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. That the public treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to pay the amount appropriated by section one of this act to the treasurer of said institution out of any funds allowed by law for the support of said institution or out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated: *Provided*, That the amount appropriated for each year shall be drawn quarterly in advance in equal installments during the years of which said appropriation is made, upon the order of the president of the board of trustees.

SEC. 3. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified the 12th day of March, A. D. 1877.

CHAPTER CCLXXIV.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, IM-MIGRATION AND STATISTICS, AND FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF SHEEP HUSBANDRY.

Board.

Section 1. The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact, A department of agriculture, immigration and statistics, as provided in section seventeen, article three, of the constitution, is hereby created and established, which shall be under the control and supervision of a board, which shall be constituted as follows, to-wit: The governor, who shall be ex-officio chairman; the state geologist, the master of the state grange patrons of husbandry, the president of the state agricultural society, and the president of the agricultural college of the state, and